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HAWATIMAH ARRIVES FOR TALKS WITH BOUMEDIENE

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[Excerpt] A Palestinian delegation led by Nayif Hawatimah, secretary general of the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arrived in Algeria today. He was welcomed at the airport by Jallul Mala'ikah, deputy president of the National People's Assembly and party official in charge of liberation movements, and a number of workers in the party's central administration.

Hawatimah made a statement in which he said: I have come to Algeria to discuss with President Boumediene ways of implementing the resolutions of the two conferences held in Tripoli to confront imperialist plots, the conference of steadfastness of progressive countries and the Arab peoples conference.

LIBYA

AL-QADHDHAFI INTERVIEW SCORES AS-SADAT

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[Text] Paris, Dec 10 (AFP)--The Middle East is in a condition of war, and no peace is possible with Israel, Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi said in an interview with Luxembourg Radio monitored here today. Speaking in Tripoli, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said: "Conditions reigning in the Middle East are those of war, and at the moment peace is impossible with Israel."

He said Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat's recent visit to Israel had created new conditions of "capitulation."

Forcefully reaffirming the refusal front's standpoint, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said
Mr as-Sadat's visit has automatically placed Egypt under an Arab boycott. He added:
"The rules of the Arab boycott will be applied on the economic plane, and on a military
level the principles are just as strong--if the Libyan Jamahiriyah is attacked it will
be obliged to defend itself and to break out of encirclement."

He said that "for the moment this involves Egypt alone, but it is clear that any other Arab country which makes such contact with the enemy (Israel) will see the same rules applied to itself."

The colonel said Libya's relations with France were good but risked turning bad if France intervened in Africa. He said he feared that France "will get itself into a quagmire it can't get out of."

He confirmed that French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing had recently written to him asking for help in the issue of POLISARIO forces holding French nationals hostage in the desert, and said Libya would do its best to help. But he said he would prefer it if the French Government and certain French companies did not get involved by sending French nationals--military or civilian--into dangerous zones.

He added: "Africa will not be stablised until colonialism on the continent is ended."

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GDR SPECIAL ENVOY LEADS DELEGATION TO TRIPOLI

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[Excerpt] Tripoli, December 11, JANA--A personal envoy of the East German president arrived here last night leading an official delegation on a several day visit to the Jamahiriyah. The envoy, Werner Lamberz, was received at the Tripoli airport by secretary of dams and water resources, other officials and the East German ambassador to the Jamahiriyah.

Meets With At-Turayki

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[Text] Dr 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki, foreign affairs secretary, this morning received Werner Lamberz, special envoy of the chairman of the GDR State Council. During the meeting the situation in the Arab region, the serious developments in the Arab region and also the situation in Africa were discussed.

The German envoy expressed his country's full support for the policy of the Jamahiriyah and said that the Jamahiriyah had become the fortress of Arab steadfastness and that [words indistinct].

Received by Jallud

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[Text] Staff Maj 'Abd as-Salam Ahmad Jallud this morning received at the People's Palace Werner Lamberz, the personal envoy of the chairman of the GDR State Council, who is now on a visit to the Jamahiriyah. The meeting was attended by Foreign Affairs Secretary Dr 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki and the head of the European desk at the Foreign Secretariat. Discussions covered ways of bolstering cooperation between the two countries in all fields for the good of the two friendly peoples. The current Arab situation, in particular, and the situation in Africa and the world, in general, were also discussed.

Official Talks Begin

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[Text] Official talks between the Jamahiriyah and the GDR began yesterday evening at the premises of the Foreign Secretariat in Tripoli. The Libyan Arab side was headed by Dr 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki, foreign affairs secretary, and the GDR side by Werner Lamberz, special envoy of the chairman of the GDR State Council. Speaking at the beginning of the meeting, Lamberz affirmed that the Tripoli summit conference was a success for the progressive forces in the Arab area and a turning point in the fight against racism and Zionism, as well as in the Arab struggle for progress and the national, rights of the Palestine Arab people.

CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES ON OFFICIAL VISIT

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[Text] Tripoli, 11 Dec, JANA--Bohuslav Chnoupek, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, arrived at noon today in Tripoli on a visit to the Jamahiriyah at the invitation of the foreign secretary. The visit will last several days, during which Chnoupek will hold talks with officials aimed at the consolidation of relations between the two friendly countries in all fields.

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